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SUBJECT: TEXT OF FAHMY LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FAHMI LETTER TO WALDHEIM ON UNEF IN SINAI.

1. BEGIN TEXT: I AM WRITING TO YOU IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE OCTOBER 1973 ARMED CONFLICT, THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED ITS RESOLUTION 338 OF 22 OCTOBER, 1973, CALLING UPON THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO CEASE ALL FIRING AND TERMINATE ALL MILITARY ACTIVITY. FURTHERMORE, IT CALLED UPON THE PARTIES TO START, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEASEFIRE, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 OF 22 NOVEMBER, 1967, IN ALL OF ITS PARTS. IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL DECIDED, IN ITS RESOLUTION 358, THAT IMMEDIATELY, AND CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CEASEFIRE, NEGOTIATIONS SHALL START BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED, UNDER APPROPRIATE AUSPICES, AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
- 3' THE COUNCIL FURTHER DECIDED, BY ITS RESOLUTION 340 OF 25 OCTOBER, 1973 TO SET UP, UNDER ITS AUTHORITY, A UNITED UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE.

4. IT SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED, BY RESOLUTION 341 OF (NUMBER INDISTINCT) OCTOBER 1973, THAT THE FORCE BE ESTABLISHED

FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS.

5. AN IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 338, THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAS CONVENED IN GENEVA IN DECEMBER, 1973, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. YOU WERE OF THE VIEW THAT THE DISENGAGEMENT OF EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND THAT THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE UNEF IS ESSENTIAL, NOT ONLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PRESENT QUIET IN THE EGYPT-ISRAEL SECTOR, BUT ALSO TO ASSIST, IF REQUIRED, IN FURTHER EFFORTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

6. THE COUNCIL CONCURRED WITH YOUR OPINION AND DECIDED; BY ITS RESOLUTION 248 OF 1974, TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE FORCE FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS.

7. THEN THE COUNCIL EXTENDED THE MANDATE OF THE UNEF FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS BY RESOLUTION 382 OF 23 OCTOBER, 1974, BUT NOTED THAT "THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN FUNDAMENTALLY UNSTABLE AS LONG AS THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS ARE UNRESOLVED."

8. CONSEQUENTLY, EFFORTS WERE DEPLOYED DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1975, TO ACHIEVE A FURTHER DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WHICH WAS NECESSARY AS AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE DESIGNED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WHERE SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES CONDUCIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST COULD BE DEALT WITH. NONETHELESS, DUE TO ISRAEL'S POLICY OF INTRANSIGENCE AND PROCRASTINATION, THOSE EFFORTS FAILED.

9. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION, AND IN CONTRAST TO ISRAEL'S ATTITUDE, PRESIDENT AS-SADAT DECIDED TO REOPEN THE SUEZ CANAL FOR INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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NAVIGATION AND EMBARKED UPON A MAJOR PROGRAMME FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CITIES IN THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE. SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND CITIZENS OF THIS AREA HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES. ALL THESE MAJOR DECISIONS WERE, BEYOND ANY DOUBT, PRACTICAL STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT TO STIMULATE THE PROCESS OF PEACE.

10. MOREOVER, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO RENEW THE MANDATE OF THE UNEF FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 3 MONTHS IN ORDER TO AFFORD PEACE EFFORTS EVERY POSSIBLE CHANCE.

11. HOWEVER, IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE OUTSET THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, IN ACCEPTING

RESOLUTION 340 (1973) AND IN DECLARING ITS READINESS TO EXTEND HER COOPERATION IN THIS RESPECT, HAS UNDERLINED THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE FORCE AND ITS FUNCTIONS AS A FIRST STEP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

12. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS THE UNDERLYING CONCEPT IN ALL THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING AND RENEWING

THE MANDATE OF THE FORCE, ISRAEL HAS PROFITTED FROM THE RELATIVE PREVAILING "QUIET" TO FURTHER ITS OCCUPATION RATHER THAN TO ASSIST THE EFFORTS AIMING AT ACHIEVING A LASTING PEACE.

13. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED, THEREFORE, THAT WITH NO FURTHER STEPS TAKEN TOWARD PEACE, EGYPT CANNOT ADHERE TO THE ISRAELI INTERPRETATION ON THE RAISON D'ETRE OF THE UNEF.

14. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AN EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE FORCE BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD DEFEAT THE VERY PURPOSES THE COUNCIL ENVISAGED IN ESTABLISHING THE FORCE, SINCE THE QUIET IS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO STAGNATION AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE PERPETUATION OF THE OCCUPATION.

15. IT IS, THEREFORE, ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPOSSIBLE FOR EGYPT TO CONSENT TO ANY MEASURE THAT COULD LEAD TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE OCCUPATION OF ITS TERRITORY.

16. WHILE EGYPT DOES NOT CONSENT TO FURTHER RENEW THE MANDATE OF UNEF, SHE IS NOT AGAINST THE PROPER USE OF THE FORCE, EGYPT OBJECTS TO THE USE OF THE FORCE AND ITS PRESENCE BY ISRAEL AS A MEANS TO MAINTAIN THE STATE OF "NO WAR NO PEACE" AND THE PERPETUATION OF THE OCCUPATION OF EGYPTIAN TERRITORY IN DEFIANCE OF THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE U.N. CHARTER AND ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

17. EGYPT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT PREVENT THE COUNCIL FROM ACTING IN CONFIRMITY WITH ITS PREROGATIVES UNDER THE

U.N. CHARTER SO THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT MISINTERPRET EITHER THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OR THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE UNEF, ESTABLISHED TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THIS STRATEGIC AND HIGHLY SENSITIVE AREA.

18. I REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

19. PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY  
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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